

# **OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes October 23, 2013**

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:07 pm on October 23, 2013 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

### **Present:**

Albert Lavigne, Alice Lavigne, Peter Leone, Richard Nolan, and Mike Cosetta, Chief Joe Bertholic and Commissioners Tom Demers and Ed Bertholic and Clerk Anne Chretien.

### **Absent:**

Albert Lapierre and Patricia St. Pierre

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived and accepted. **Motion** to accept the minutes was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Alice Lavigne. Unanimously voted I by all present.

### **B. Commissioners Report**

- Commissioner Albert Lapierre submitted his resignation to the committee due to health reasons.
- Tom Demers requested the appointment of Warren Steere to complete A. Lapierre's term.
- Pete Leone made a motion to appoint Warren Steere. Seconded by Mike Cosetta. Voted I by all present.
- An ad for seeking bids for snowplowing was placed in the Bargain Buyer and the calls will be referred to Tom Demers' cell number. The ad was in two issues, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. The ad requested proof of liability insurance, cost of sanding after the storm or at the Chief's request and cost of plowing 4" and more. Bids will be reviews by Commissioners Warren Steere and Tom Demers on October 30, 2013. Commissioner Ed Bertholic will not be part of the decision. There recommendation will be presented to the Operating Committee for a decision.
- There has not been any action on painting the building taken yet.

- Motion to accept the report made by Alice Lavigne and seconded by Pete Leone. Unanimously voted I by all present.

### **C. Chief's Report**

- Chief's Incident Report (see attached). 49 runs
- Engine 13 went out on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> to have the scratch on door repainted. The truck was returned on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Stripe still does not match. The bill involving C & S Specialty and Metro Collision is still not straightened out yet. Salesman stopped by to see Chief to inquiry how the situation between them and C & S stands.
- Defroster switch on Engine 13 needs repair it will cost approximately \$500.
- The pump will be covered by C & S due to their use of the truck at Tri-State Exhibition – May 2012. The pump is in an insulated compartment and should not freeze when pump is left wet as recommended. VP from Marketing will cover cost of parts but not labor to repair the pump.
- Motion to accept the Chief's Report by Alice Lavigne and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

### **D. Tax Assessors Report**

- Alice Lavigne made a motion to congratulate Mike Cosetta on receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rhode Island State Firemen's League at a dinner in Cranston at Twin Oaks. (see attached program). Seconded by Pete Leone and all present were in agreement. Mike thanked the committee.
- Abatements were presented and approved.
- Motion to accept Tax Assessors Report made by Pete Leone and seconded by Richard Nolan.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

### **E. Tax Collectors Report**

- Collections from 9/1/2013 to 08/28/2014 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$37,327.21. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$306,111.89. See attached report.
- The Albert Green Estate that was assumed by the District a tax sale in 2012 will be looked into in regards to foreclosing on the property and taking ownership.

- Motion was made by Alice Lavigne to suspend balance on the Green estate tax bill and several from the mobile home park in Mapleville. Seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted I by all present.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Alice Lavigne and seconded by Pete Leone.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

#### **F. Treasurers Report**

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- PFD has paid their portion of the finally telephone bill for 568-4411 Burrillville Dispatch number.
- No changes or questions regarding the report. See attached.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Alice Lavigne and seconded by Pete Leone.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

#### **G. Old Business**

- A short discussion took place regarding the Nasonville Fire District's Annual Meeting.
- By-law committee has not met yet to review if changes are needed. The committee consists of Bob L'Esperance, Richard Nolan, and Mike McGrane
- The Chief may ask for more money to upgrade the dump valve situation in order that the situation maybe fixed permanently.

#### **H. New Business**

- Burrillville Police Department honored citizens of the community on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Burrillville Middle School Auditorium at 6:30pm. OMFd received an award. This program was reinstated by the new Burrillville Police Chief Lynch. He is making a good impression in the community. Program attached.
- Plans are under review by the Fire Marshalls (Lori Porier & Chief Berthlic) for the new addition for Daniele International (DPI) at Daniele Dr. off Bronco Hwy in Mapleville. The cost of the project is approximately \$23,426,000. A bill was submitted to the company for plan review fee of \$94,000. by the Chief. If they refuse this bill and go to the State of RI for assistance they will run into at least a two month backlog.
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm was made by Pete Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted I by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk